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Mr. Charles A. Terreni, Esquire  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
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Re: Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314  
and Telecommunications Act § 254(e)  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Terrini:

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that United is in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached for filing with the FCC and USAC is an affidavit attesting to the fact that any Federal Universal Service Funds United may receive will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. If certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2009, federal support for universal service in the areas served by United within South Carolina will not be provided for at least the first quarter of 2010. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). United respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that United is in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2009, notifying them that United is eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND

COMPANY: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY of the CAROLINAS  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240506

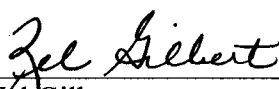
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PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
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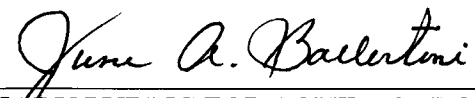
1. My name is Zel Gilbert. I am employed by United Telephone Company of the Carolinas (the "Company") as its Director Governmental Affairs. As such, I am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. United Telephone Company of the Carolinas hereby certifies that it will use any federal high-cost support it may receive during 2010 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Zel Gilbert  
Director Governmental Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2009.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

JUNE A. BALLENTINE  
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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: Feb. 8, 2016